

BREVITIES.

Be virtuous and you'll be—eccentric.
Three newspapers folded in eight will, it is said, turn a rifle bullet.

Virginia has voted to furnish wooden pegs to maimed Confederate soldiers.

Manoh-im, in Germany, contains ten large hospitals.

Overweg & Co., the Shanghai tea firm, has just exploded, owing nearly \$4,000,000.

Which is preferable—the right man in a tight place, or a tight one in the right place.

Von Roon, the Prussian minister of war, lost a son before Metz, and now his second son is reported mortally wounded.

A city missionary was asked the cause of his poverty. "Principally," said he, with a twinkle in his eye, "because I have preached so much without notes!"

Miss Carrie Smith shot and killed Wm. P. Ainery in Winchester, Indiana, while he was trying to enter her room one night, and a jury acquitted her.

Hops are being brought in such large quantities to the Kilbourn, Wis., market, that the growers are compelled to sell at rates that do not pay for the labor of raising.

Edinburgh is excited over six young ladies who are convulsively dissecting a female subject among the male students in Dr. Handyside's Practical Anatomy room.

If there is anything, says an Eastern paper, which could reconcile us to the calamity which has befallen poor France, it is the knowledge that the manufacture of chignons has almost wholly ceased.

Some one with a genius for calculation says that the purple vestments of the singers in King Solomon's Temple cost \$100,000—the trumpets and other musical instruments, \$200,000.

A certain college in Wisconsin, to promote pedestrianism among the pupils, won't allow a saloon within three miles of the college. The boys walk a good deal for their health there, and come back smelling of clover.

In the second regiment of Landwehr marched the fathers of 7,003 children. This regiment distinguished itself at the siege of Strasburg. It must be remembered that a Prussian regiment numbers 3,000 men.

The editor of a paper in Nebraska, who offered a premium for the largest watermelon left at his office, has been supplying the Omaha market with those vegetables all summer, besides boarding his hands on the fruit.

The Washington Republican says: "Yesterday a clerk in the Census Bureau, while examining a return which showed the birth of a still-born infant, hawled out, 'Mr. Blank, there's no age opposite this return. What will I do with it?'"

Susan Cooper, daughter of Fennimore Cooper, the novelist, is still living at her father's old home in Cooperstown, N. Y., and devotes much of her time to a hospital for the sick and infirm, which was founded chiefly by her efforts.

Speaking of the New York College for Women the Sun says: A black building for dissection has been added to the college, and the ladies have a fine body on hand to cut up. He is an old fellow. A pretty girl of sixteen has entered this year as a student. She has rich curls and a bright eye. Her father, for medicine has been constant since the age of twelve.

Referring to the statement telegraphed from London, that the Emperor Napoleon has 10,000,000 francs secured on real estate, through the agency of Brown Brothers of New York, the New York Express says that it is informed upon good authority that the Emperor has a large real estate in New Jersey, especially in Hoboken.

An Indianapolis editor has received the following note from a well-known showman: "To the imbecile word making reptile of the Indianapolis Mirror. A showman with honor is superior to a thing without principle, and on my return to Indianapolis (as you say I cannot fight) I will use my foot to crush the nauseous rat that would gnaw at the carcass of a dead lion.—H. McCarthy"

Two little girls in Merrimac, New Hampshire, named Eli and Hattie Lawrence, aged ten and twelve years, are doing a thriving business in snaring partridges for the Boston market. It is said that they are wide awake at an early hour in the morning, and before many city people are aware of the peep of day, they are visiting snares that they have set the day before. They frequently travel over an area of three or four miles of territory, and catch from six to eight game birds every day. After resetting their snares they spend the forenoon in gathering nuts.

A bank check for five hundred dollars, which had a curious history, was sent to the Treasury Department at Washington a short time since. It was taken from the body of a murdered Texan cattle-drover, several years since, by Indians, who, in consequence of the variety of colors in the rich engraving, attached some special importance to it, and cut the paper into several pieces, dividing them among the tribe. A peace commissioner finally persuaded the gentle savages to give up the pieces, and he pasted them together and forwarded the check (now complete) to Washington.

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